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The reply filed on 11/13/00 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because: the SEQ ID NO provided by Applicant for the sequence on page 57 at line 34 is not the sequence disclosed at the said location. Specifically, primer 926 on line 34 begins with "ACA" whereas SEQ ID NO: 13 begins with "CTT". Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Examiner **Marianne DiBrino, Ph.D.**, Art Unit **1644**, whose telephone number is **703-308-0061**.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Technology Center receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0196.

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